

Bigfork Steering Committee Minutes

June 14, 2007

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amended

In Attendance: Craig Wagner, Pat Wagner, Elna Darrow, George Darrow, Chuck Gough, Mike Richeson, Edd Blackler, John Bourquin, Julie Spencer, Joe Brenneman, B.J. Grieve, Sally Janover, Paul Guerrant, Sue Hanson, Gary Ridderhoff, Darrel Coverdell, Paul Mutascio, Steve Zabaro, Leslie Budewitz, Kathy Robinson, Kim Crowley, Rose Schwenneson, Russ Kinzer

The Meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Elna Darrow at 12:06

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Agenda: The agenda was adopted as amended (m/sc Hanson, Gough)

Community Forum: Russ Kinzer from Bigfork School District was our first speaker. It seems there will be some renovation taking place at the high school and he wondered why the school library and the county library couldn't share, resources, space, and funding to have a combined library. This is not a new concept and has been done in other communities. He contacted Paul Mutascio of the Community Foundation for a Better Bigfork. They have taken this concept to both the Bigfork School Board and the Flathead County Library Board. Both boards have given their approval to go forth with research, which Russ is pursuing. He also mentioned they will be building a new concession stand at the field this summer.

Minutes: The minutes for May 31, 2007 were approved as amended (m/sc Wagner/Gough)

Treasurer's Report: Chuck reported an expenditure of 57.31 this month leaving us a balance of 1089.84. We have \$1002.00 in reserve for various projects leaving us dangerously low in funds. We need to acquire funding. (see attached report)

Resort Tax Committee: No Report

Lake County: Community residents south of Bigfork will have an opportunity to voice their views on what they want for their area. This committee has scheduled 4 public meetings:

Wednesday June 27, Ferndale Community Hall,
Thursday June 28 Yellow Bay Community Center,
Wednesday July 18, Bethany Lutheran Church, and
July 19 Swan Lake Community center.

All meetings will be at 7 PM

Vision Committee: This committee will meet Monday June 18, 2007 at the Methodist Church on Central Ave. Edd read his report of the last meeting which came up with the idea of a conference center (small to begin with) and volunteers to house speakers. (see attached report in notebook) The next meeting is June 18, 2007 Noon at the Methodist Church on Grand Drive.

Chairman's Report: Joe Brenneman gave his report on the storm water problem that has arisen in the Grand Drive area of Bigfork. Joe presented a map showing the drains and catch basin. He also reported on the changes that have occurred to cause this problem. He has also contacted a grant writer to help in securing monies to help correct

this problem as the county has no funds allocated. He remarked that the Bigfork Water and Sewer District is already ahead with requests for grants. A 319 Grant is available. This is a grant that gives 60 % of the money while the community supports with 40%. A motion was made and passed to have Joe proceed with this project. He is also taking this information to the DNRC, Flathead Lakers and the Flathead Basin Commission.

Community for a Better Bigfork: Paul reported that picnic tables and benches are going to be placed along the Swan River Trail along with some more doggie pollution stations. A doggie pollution station is also being placed in Sliter Park. He also presented the brochures for the Bigfork Village Historical Walk published in conjunction with the Bigfork Heritage Project. These brochures are to be placed in front of Showthyme Restaurant, for visitors to take and see the history of our buildings and surrounding area. (see attached Brochure)

Bigfork Fire: Mick Richeson stated that the 35 foot ladders on the present fire trucks won't let fire fighters get on some of the roofs in the area. Chuck Gough mentioned a new group has been formed called Friends of Bigfork Fire with Joyce Mitchell as Chairman. This newly formed 501 (c)(3) corporation will raise funds for various Bigfork Fire Dept needs including training facilities, large ladder truck and other equipment.

Board of Adjustment: Craig gave a report on the two items that were on the agenda for his June 5, 2007 meeting. They turned down a zone variance and approved a new route for gravel trucks with conditions. (See attached report)

Darrell Coverdell suggested at the end of the meeting that we put BLUAC on the Community Forum as an agenda item. Pat will check with BLUAC and do that if it is acceptable.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:19

Pat Wagner, Secretary.